

Barry County United Way
2017 MEAP Grant

Grant Award: \$201,000

Service Area: Barry County

Anticipated Reach: 218 Households

Barry County United Way's (BCUW) program combines energy bill payment with enrollment in a budget/financial literacy workshop, case management, and referral to other wraparound services provided by BCUW and other community agencies. The goal of the program is to educate, encourage and empower low-income households to become financially independent, allowing them to provide the basic needs for their families.

Program Details

- Low-Income households may apply in person or by phone.
- Applicant responsible for 10% or more of bill depending on six month payment history.
- Assistance up to a total of \$3,000 in energy payments throughout grant year.
- Based on applicant's six month payment history and previous grant year – varying levels of case management including budgeting/financial workshops and monthly meetings with a financial mentor.

Additional Services Offered

- Housing assessment and resource assistance
- Client Action Plans
- Employment, income and education referrals
- Veterans Affairs service officers
- Weekly fresh food initiative and food pantries
- Tax preparation, back to school programs, smoke and CO detectors

Partners

- Barry County Home Improvement Program
- Commission on Aging
- Community Action Agency (Weatherization)
- Consumers Energy (Helping Neighbors Program)
- MDHHS (Benefits enrollment MBA site)
- Michigan Works
- MSHDA (HARA)
- Salvation Army
- United Way of Jackson County (CARES MBA site)

Location/Hours/Contact Information

Address: 231 S. Broadway, Hastings, MI 49058
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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